

# GLA *trends*

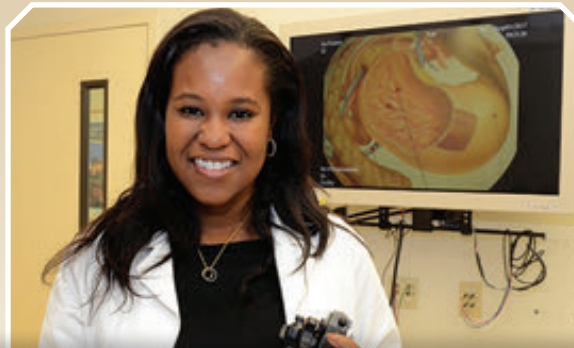
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## VA health coverage leads to much greater odds of screening Colorectal cancer

A recent study found that Veterans with health coverage related to their Veteran status were significantly more likely to have up-to-date screenings for colorectal cancer than Veterans who used private health insurance instead. The study included researchers from the VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System and Durham VA Medical Center. While national colorectal cancer screening rates are around 65 percent nationwide, VA had a screening rate of nearly 80 percent over the last several years. The new study

shows that, although screening rates are high among Veterans on all sources of health coverage, they are significantly higher for those who receive VA care, TRICARE, or other military care.

VAGLAHS' Dr. Folasade P. May, lead author on the article, applauds VA's efforts to raise screening levels: "Colorectal cancer is common and deadly. But we can prevent disease by screening. The VA has had major success in this area and should be recognized for exceeding national benchmarks in colorectal screening."



For more information on VA research into colorectal cancer, visit the [Cancer topic page](#) on the [VA Research website](#).

## Facility SAIL rating improves

The Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) released updated facility ratings reflecting the 12 months between the 3rd Quarters of Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017. VAGLAHS graduated from a "1 Star" facility rating to a "3 Star" rating within SAIL's Value Model, a web-based, balanced scorecard mechanism VA developed to measure, evaluate and benchmark quality, efficiency and productivity at its medical centers. The most recent report includes information gathered through March 2017. "When the next annual SAIL Star Ratings are released,

VAGLAHS expects a boost in its "Star Rating" due to the significant strides we continue to make in all areas of operation," said Ann Brown, VAGLAHS Director. "One of our top priorities is to always strive to do better in providing our Nation's Heroes with the highest quality of care they have earned and deserve."



## New Executive Director of Clinical Care

Robert McKenrick was appointed as the Executive Director of Clinical Care (SES) of the VAGLAHS on November 26, 2017. Mr. McKenrick has over 7 years of previous SES multi-agency leadership experience. He has served as Director/Deputy Director for Transportation Security Administration; Director Veterans Benefits Administration in Philadelphia, PA and Greater Los Angeles, CA. He has a diverse

background that includes significant financial, administrative, and management assignments. Mr. McKenrick served in the United States Army with over 28 years and as an Officer, has led special assignments and oversaw regional and national operations. McKenrick will oversee delivery of health care provided to our Veterans in our Greater Los Angeles Community Based Outpatient Clinics.



Robert McKenrick

FY: 2017

# QUICKSTATS & map



## WORKFORCE

Total Employees: 5,246

Employees That Are Veterans: 1,410

## OPERATIONAL BEDS

Total Operational Beds: 748

Hospital Operating Beds: 208

Skilled Nursing Home Beds: 244

Domiciliary Beds: 296

## FISCAL 17

Medical Service: \$569,947,228

Medical Administrative: \$70,970,305

Medical Facility: \$75,578,224

NRM Planned Project Amount: \$10,219,924

## PATIENTS

Total Outpatient Visits: 1,396,197

Female Veterans: 6,336

Unique Veterans: 87,851

## VOLUNTEERING

Volunteers: 925

Volunteer Hours: 164,959

Donations: \$1,658,790.12

## RESEARCH

Total funding: \$38,313,713

Research & Development Committee manuscripts and abstracts:

112 manuscripts

77 abstracts

2 editorials



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